

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order on Wednesday, September 1, 2004, at 4:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Barbara Perry in the Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Johnny Safrit, Preston Sale, Cindy Bridges, Judy Kandl, Suzette Davis, Bill Safrit, Greta Connor and Barbara Perry

Absent: Bruce Wilson, James Donaldson and Michael Lippard

Staff: Lynn Raker, Janice Bodford

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Reviewed and approved the financial report for August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Art in Public Places:

HAT Charette: Lynn reported on the charette for the History and Art Trail (HAT) which will be held on September 27-28th. The planning for this project has been in progress for over a year now and the charette (design workshop) is the next step in the process. Visiting artists will be coming in to assist with the charette, Jim Hirschfield from UNC-Chapel Hill; Jim Galluci, a metal sculptor from Greensboro and his associate, Catherine Craven who used to live in Salisbury. Also Juan Logan, an artist, will function as a sketch artist while here; Kevin Cherry who used to work in the library here and is an historian and visiting professor at East Carolina University; and Jeffrey York who is the director of the NC Arts Council. One part of the charette will be divided into workshops by eras called listening stations. The schedule is as follows:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. Overview of the History and Art Trail Committee, the site work and mapping.
Question & Answer period
12:00 p.m. Lunch – with Mayor Charles Worley speaking
1:00-2:00 Listening Stations (Public input)
2:00 Charette team will begin to put ideas together
Review ideas with Art Committee

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
8:30 a.m. Finalize the proposal and work on the presentation (PowerPoint)
11:30-12:30 Presentation of proposal

It is hoped that the Charette team will arrive on Sunday afternoon and Joe Morris will take them on a tour of the City and the potential sites. All CAC members are encouraged to attend, especially during the public input times. Barbara commended Lynn Raker, Joe Morris and Janet Gapen on the excellent job they have done in preparing for the charette.

Preston called attention to an email that has been circulating criticizing the historic authenticity of the project. The HAT project is supposed to be an artistic interpretation of history although historical accuracy is important and the committee has tried to be very careful to be historically correct. The first phase would probably be plaques commemorating places, people or events in history which can be more objective in nature. No matter how careful we are it is still likely to be controversial about where an event actually occurred and the people involved. The booklet with the historic sites and events is a DRAFT document and the public is asked to comment and recommend additions or corrections then the History Committee will review all recommendations.

Barbara commented that the people who came up with this history are great historians for Salisbury and know what they are talking about. It has not been done lightly or thrown together hurriedly. In addition, Lynn noted that *all* of these sites will not be interpreted with art. This is just the research part of the project and it will go through a rigid selection process.

Mosaic Project: Lynn reported that work is progressing on the contract with Robert Crum for the mosaic mural. In the meantime, we are still raising money. Several donations came in right after the letters were sent. To date we have received about \$1,150.00. It is hoped that once work begins on the project and something is mentioned in the newspaper that more donations will come in. Barbara asked if there is still a chance that he will be able to start this year. Lynn replied that we are still hopeful that the contract can be negotiated.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee: Lynn distributed copies of the letter that was sent to the Police Department thanking them and Lt. Bobby Harrison in particular for their efforts in Jersey City.

Greta asked if the dead plants at the Lincolnton Road pocket park had been replaced. Lynn said that it has not been done yet, but the contractor is supposed to do that. Bill also noted that edging needed to be done at the sidewalk. Lynn will talk to Mark Martin about it. The trees will be planted this fall.

Greta called the City about the trees in Sedgefield that needed to be replaced and they have been cut and stubs left. Lynn talked with Mark who said they would rather wait until the construction was done to replace the trees.

Following up on the Kenly St. question from last month's meeting, Greta thinks that Rowan Funeral Service is going to build there. That whole area has been cleared and is taking on a new look.

Landscaping: Johnny reported that the **Residential winner** for September will be **Richard (Dick) Huffman** (228 W Bank St.) and the **Commercial winner** is **Manning Park** (Jake

Alexander Blvd.). Johnny noted that some properties have won that do not show as winners on the list (Towne Pharmacy, Doran Shelby Pethel Hudson, Waterworks, Ruby Long, Tom Abramowski, Richard Goodman). Janice and Johnny will investigate and update the list. As long as there are entities that haven't won yet, we should not award it to the same people again. If they have won within the last 5 years, they should not win again unless the property changes owners.

Greta recommended that we have some written guidelines for the landscape of the month award. It would be good to state how often it may be given to the same property owner (5 years unless property changes hands) and the criteria for eligibility and its contribution to the neighborhood. Barbara requested the Landscaping Committee meet and bring recommendations for approval by the Commission. Preston suggested that the committee work on this during the winter months.

Suzette nominated **Old Hood Building at Livingstone**, 701 W Monroe Street.

Tom Abramowski at Rockwell Farms has donated plants each year to the City for many years and Mark Martin and Vernon Sherrill have suggested that the CAC do something to thank him for this rather large contribution over a long period of time. The Mayor suggested we do something other than recognize him at a Council meeting because that has tried before and he didn't come to the meeting. A friend of Tom's family mentioned that Tom likes to grill out and would love to have a gift of some steaks. City Manager and the Mayor have approved it. Barbara noted that we would not have the planters, flowers and medians without Tom's contribution. He also always gives for every special function we have. Bill Safrit made a motion to appropriate \$150 to buy steaks and a plaque in appreciation for Mr. Abramowski's generous contributions to the City. Motion carried.

Municipal Service District and Innes Street Improvement Grants: Bill reported that the committee met on August 19. The Municipal Service District (MSD) awarded \$18,281.00 to 9 separate applications. That leaves \$3,718.00 in the fund. The Innes Street Grant awarded 6 for a total of \$20,360.00, leaving \$4,640.00 in the fund. Everyone who submitted an application received a grant either from Innes Street or MSD. (See attached Grant Award Summaries.)

OLD BUSINESS: Lynn distributed copies of the ordinance from Charlotte-Mecklenburg pertaining to parking in front of houses.

NEW BUSINESS: Bruce has invited an artist to come to the next CAC meeting to talk about bronze casting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

2004-05 INNES STREET IMPROVEMENT GRANT

APPLICANT	ADDRESS	APP. DATE	PROJECT AMT.	GRANT AMT.	COA	GRANT HISTORY
Mural on W. Fisher	P.O. Box 2481	8/4/2004	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		MSD '96
Mural Preservation, Inc.						
5 Easy Street,	5 Easy Street	7/30/2004	\$ 11,414.00	\$ 2,500.00		ISG '03, MSD '97
Karen & Henry Alexander						
Firehouse Urban Lofts	121/ 119 S. Lee, 210 E. Fisher	8/11/2004	\$ 47,300.00	\$ 5,000.00		
Town Sq. Dev., LLC						
Former US Beauty Supply	117 E. Innes St.	8/17/2004	\$ 36,115.00	\$ 5,000.00		MSD '85
LMY, Inc						
Bench Warmers	113-115 E. Fisher St.	8/17/2004	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 1,860.00		MSD '02
Eric Todd Littleton						
Sports Bar, Barber, Etc.	113-119 E. Fisher St.	8/17/2004		\$ 4,000.00		MSD '94, MSD '02
Eric Todd Littleton						

Total Project Amounts \$ 108,549.00

Appropriation 7/01/04 \$ 25,000.00

Requested funds \$ 6,860.00

Awarded funds (pending approval) \$ 20,360.00

Funds Remaining \$ 4,640.00

POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

2004-05 MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT INCENTIVE GRANT

APPLICANT	ADDRESS	APP. DATE	PROJECT AMT.	GRANT AMT.	COA	GRANT HISTORY
Robert Crum, Artist	116 E. Council	3/11/2004	\$ 1,397.50	698.75		MSD '96
Robert Crum & Cherie Turner						
The Framing Gallery	320 N. Main St.	7/6/2004	\$ 618.00	309.00		MSD '92
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Weinhold						
Morgan's Coffee Shop	329 N. Main St.	6/14/2004	\$ 2,510.80	1,255.40		
Catherine Morgan						
Mural on W. Fisher	P.O. Box 2481	8/4/2004	\$ 10,000.00			MSD '96
Mural Preservation, Inc.						
Bradshaw Office/ Warehouse	316 Depot St.	8/16/2004	\$ 3,461.25	1,730.62		
L.S. Bradshaw Real Estate						
Dance Studio	322 Depot St.	8/16/2004	\$ 3,576.00	1,788.00		
L.S. Bradshaw Real Estate						
Firehouse Urban Lofts	121/ 119 S. Lee, 210 E. Fisher	8/11/2004	\$ 47,300.00	5,000.00		
Town Sq. Dev., LLC						
KKA Architecture	118 E. Council St.	7/30/2004	\$ 13,211.00	2,500.00		MSD '97, ISG '03
Karen & Henry Alexander						
Former US Beauty Supply	117 E. Innes St.	8/17/2004	\$ 36,115.00	2,500.00		MSD '85
LMY, Inc						
103 N. Main St.	103 N. Main St.	8/17/2004	\$ 6,522.15	2,500.00		MSD '89
Yates Development						

Total Project Amounts \$ 124,711.70

Appropriation 7/01/04 \$ 22,000.00

Requested funds

Awarded funds (pending approval) \$ 18,281.77

Funds Remaining \$ 3,718.23

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